

JUSTIFICATION

To justify approval of any variance, the Planning Commission considers the following criteria. Please answer **all** the following items. Use additional sheets if needed. Responses of **yes, no, or n/a** will **not** be accepted.

Explain how the variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare.

This is a private, fenced in yard that the public has no access to. It is built with private health, safety, and welfare in mind.

Explain how the variance will not alter the essential character of the general vicinity.

The character of the structure will match the character of the home and existing fence. There will be architectural similarities that will echo both our home and the neighbors near the existing fence creating a cohesion.

Explain how the variance will not cause a hazard or a nuisance to the public.

It is on private property that is inaccessible to the public. The addition to the existing porch is in no way blocking a fire escape or normal egress lines from the home in the event of an evacuation.

Explain how the variance will not allow an unreasonable circumvention of the requirements of the zoning regulations.

We are not requesting a variance to the edge of our property line, but rather to be within the three foot margin. We are not requesting a variance for the existing porch, but rather for the extension of the existing porch.

Explain how the variance arises from special circumstances, which do not generally apply to land in the general vicinity (please specify/identify).

We seek to have a variance because of the nature of our property. We seek to have more outdoor space in the area particularly suited for it as our property is surrounded on three sides by a road. We are seeking to create this space as a haven in the center edge of the property.

Explain how the strict application of the provisions of the regulation would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or would create unnecessary hardship.

For the reasons listed above, we have a desire to enjoy our property and community but due to school traffic twice a day bordering our home on three sides for 3-4 hours, we request this variance to develop this land in an appropriate way to accomplish those desires.

Are the circumstances the result of actions of the applicant taken *after* the adoption of the regulation from which relief is sought?

I do not completely understand this question. But, I believe the answer is no. If this were not a regulation, we would not be applying for this variance, but rather proceeding forward.

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